

## **Aqueducts Inauguration In Las Moras And Los Vasquez Pilot Project In Hato Mayor**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Representing the Government and the people of the United States of America, I would like to express my pleasure in being here with you during this very important event for your community.

The water system that we are inaugurating today under the Reconstruction project following Hurricane Georges, was co-financed by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the National Institute of Potable Water and Sewage (INAPA), and the Catholic Relief Service (CRS), which hired Dominican Churches Social Service (DCSS), to execute the project.

I am very pleased for the opportunity of supporting INAPA in implementing a new policy of transferring rural aqueducts to the communities, so they can manage them. I hope that this model will be repeated nationwide. The importance of this project rests in the communities becoming self-sufficient in their developmental process.

The participation of the Los Moras and Los Vasques communities was the key for the success of this project. I know the dedication and hard work that you have given to complete the construction of this water system. I would like to encourage you not to waste water and to pay your bills on time to guarantee water supply to the entire community.

Water is vital and I know that you are all aware of its importance in keeping your children and yourselves healthy.

Before I go, I would like to thank you for inviting me to share this very special moment with you. I would also like to thank CRS, DCSS and INAPA for their hard work, funds and dedication that made this project a reality.

Thank you very much and good luck!